Office of the Mayor Lake Havasu City, Arizona

Proclamation

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Emergency Proclamation No. 2020-2 July 1st, 2020

WHEREAS, Lake Havasu City ("City") remains under a state of emergency that was declared on March 18th, 2020, in response to the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the City has been working with federal, state, and local governmental authorities and with schools, businesses, non-profits, medical facilities and faith groups within the City to combat and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus and to assist our community and its citizens with the effects of the COVID-19 contagion; and

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency in Arizona due to the COVID-19 outbreak continues to exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey on May 12th, 2020, issued Executive Order 2020-36, Stay Healthy, Return Smarter, Return Stronger, outlining requirements for businesses to assist in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 as they reopened and mandated that businesses adopt policies consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and the Arizona Department of Health Services ("ADHS"); and

WHEREAS, since that time, many individuals and businesses have demonstrated great responsibility in taking precautions when out in public to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while attending to their daily activities and needs; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 12th, 2020, a study was published that demonstrated the effectiveness of face coverings in preventing the transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Arizona, Douglas A. Ducey, on June 17th, 2020, issued Executive Order 2020-40 providing that a County, City, or Town may adopt and enforce policies requiring wearing a mask covering their mouth and nose ("face covering") for the purpose of mitigating the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the use of face coverings within Lake Havasu City will help build public confidence in the continued and safe reopening of the Arizona Economy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 26-311 and Lake Havasu City Code § 2.08.050, the Mayor of Lake Havasu City has determined that there continues to be a risk to the safety of people and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cal Sheehy, Mayor of Lake Havasu City, Mohave County, Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me, and in accordance with law, in addition to the prior Proclamation of Emergency dated March 18th, 2020, do hereby proclaim and declare to the People of Lake Havasu City as follows:

- 1. Effective July 3rd, 2020, all individuals within the jurisdiction of Lake Havasu City are required to wear face coverings in all places of public accommodation if they are or will be in contact with other individuals who are not within the small group of people they are closely and frequently associated with and in spaces where it is difficult or impossible to maintain physical distancing. Physical distancing means keeping a six (6) foot distance between individuals not within their frequent and common association group or unit. These spaces include, but are not limited to, grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, retail stores, special events and public transit. Businesses that interact with the public must require employees to wear face coverings.
- 2. Exceptions for face coverings will be made under the following circumstances:
 - a. While at an establishment, building, or office space that does not interact with the public, provided that the CDC's recommended social distancing is maintained between each person.
 - b. For those who fall into the CDC's guidance for those who should not wear face coverings due to a medical or mental health condition or developmental disability.
 - c. For children under six (6) years old.
 - d. As part of a religious ceremony or service.
 - e. For restaurant or similar business patrons while they are eating or drinking. If a patron is not seated at their table or other designated eating area, a face covering is required.
 - f. For individuals exercising outdoors, or while walking or exercising with other people who are within a small group of people they are closely and frequently associated with. For individuals congregating outdoors with other people not within a small group of people they are closely and frequently associated with, face coverings are required when physical distancing is not maintained.
 - g. In settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services, such as the receipt of dental services, medical treatments or while swimming.
 - h. When a person is in an office or vehicle (or similar space) where others are not present.
 - i. For public safety employees and/or emergency responders and/or field employees engaged in essential functions, when wearing the face covering would interfere with or limit their ability to carry out their duties or functions.
 - j. For individuals complying with the directions of public safety employees.

- k. At federal, state, county, city, and other governmental facilities.
- l. Private or public schools in the City as they have their own governing board policies and procedures.
- 3. For the purposes of this proclamation, "place of public accommodation" means facilities, establishments, accommodations, services, commodities, or any use offered to or for use by the general public, including public places where food or beverages are offered for sale, public places operated for temporary lodging, use or accommodation of those seeking health or recreation and all establishments offering such goods or facilities, and entities soliciting patronage from the general public, except for religious organizations.
- 4. For the purposes of this proclamation, "face covering" means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers only the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face, and that fits against the side of the face and remains in place without the use of one's hands. Face coverings include, but are not limited to, bandanas, medical masks, cloth masks, buffs, and gaiters. Face coverings also include respirators, a N95 mask, or other personal protective equipment that provide a higher level of protection than a face covering defined above.
- 5. In compliance with Executive Order No. 2020-40, enforcement of this proclamation shall focus on education and providing guidance issued by the Arizona Department of Health Services in order to promote the health and safety of City residents as well as to further contain the spread of COVID-19.
- 6. Private businesses and venues shall enforce this proclamation by asking any person failing to comply with the emergency proclamation to leave their premises.

This proclamation shall remain in place until July 27th, 2020, unless further extended and shall be periodically reviewed for possible repeal or revision throughout the time it remains in effect.

Signed and Dated this day July 1st, 2020:

Cal Sheehy, Mayo